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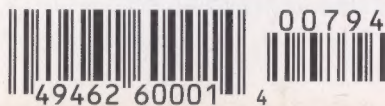
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Welcome to Christmas in July! I know each year it seems we start talking about our Christmas crafting and decorating sooner and sooner and if you craft for boutiques, you're probably already finished with your Christmas projects!

Christmas in July has always been a special occasion at our home throughout the years. For many, many years, Aleene's designers created a winter wonderland in each room of our home.

I thought it would be fun to share (or re-share these photographs if you received the October 24, 1992 Aleene's Mini-Magazine) these photographs which were featured in *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine about 30 years ago. These holiday designs are timeless; however, the hair styles certainly date us!

Each July, several hundred craft store owners would tour our home and then attend a seminar to create many of the featured projects that they would then take back to their stores to display.

Once the Christmas in July tour was complete, the designs would be packed up and stored until December when our house would be redecorated and then reopened to the public.

My two sisters, Heidi and Candy and brother, Fred and I would stand in our rooms for the

Tiffany's NOTEBOOK

"Christmas in July has always been a special occasion at our home throughout the years. For many, many years, Aleene's designers created a winter wonderland in each room of our home."

Christmas in July tour and again in December to greet over 2,000 visitors and answer any questions they had about the decorations. My younger brother, Tony, was only about 2 or 3 years old, so I'm not certain how he participated at the time! (He must have done something right, he is now president of Aleene's!) With all these memories in

mind, I'm delighted to bring you Aleene's Creative Living Christmas in July 1994. Special thanks to my sister, Heidi Borchers, for creating her fun '90's look of Christmas in July with Tic-Tac-Ho-Ho-Ho for the cover of this issue.

Wishing you...
Endless Creativity!



Dream puff tree for a pretty miss

Designer Aleene created fragile appearing tree for her next-to-the-oldest daughter's bedroom. Feminine enough to thrill any young miss, tree framework is an inexpensive wicker tree (natural tree could be used instead). Angel hair layers overlap each other until branches are covered. Artificial roses and satin bows complete delicate design.



Angel heads on gold-sprayed tree make young eyes sparkle
Aleene's youngest daughter has her room decorated with this giant manzanita branch that was spray-painted gold. Satin-covered plastic foam balls join with angel heads to create a youthful tree. Angel heads are satin balls decorated with net and base metal wings. Eyes and mouths are sequins. Bead strings give design unity.

Photo: Debbie, Peterson

for children

Young people love to create, to have something that nobody else has. Imaginative designs shown should give them a chance to do just that.

Puffs decorate manzanita branch tree

Puffs of net made by gathering fabric into a ball and tying with wire decorate this gold-sprayed manzanita branch tree designed by Aleene for her oldest daughter's bedroom. Hollowed out 4" plastic foam balls are decorated with bead strings pinned on.



The Original

Imagine taking an ordinary paper bag
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Sharing IDEAS

“I found I can make so many apples for my baskets and cut my expenses to practically pennies.”

Vivian Anderson

At Christmas time, I buy the cranberry wooden bead garlands and take them off the string. I use these individual beads for apples in little miniature baskets for the dolls I make. I take stems from baby's breath or any other tiny sticks in the yard to stick in the hole to give it a stem. I cut small leaves from larger silk leaves. I found I can make so many apples for my baskets and cut my expenses to practically pennies.

Vivian Anderson
Maryville, Tennessee

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This hint came out of necessity. I know how much Aleene will appreciate it starting out as a florist. I had a basket centerpiece of flowers and no way to water it. I washed out an empty Aleene's Glue bottle with a nozzle end, filled it with water and watered the flowers without making a mess. The water went into the plastic liner and not all over the table. Very neat and easy to use.

Martha Farr
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

When I use glitter, after my project is dry, to remove and save the excess glitter, I take a piece of cotton cloth and rubberband it to the end of my vacuum cleaner wand. Push in the cloth to create a small pocket (to give a little when vacuum is turned on). Turn vacuum on and go over project, collecting any unglued glitter. When done, keep power on holding wand over container to collect glitter. Turn power off and glitter will release to container. Repeat as many times as necessary.

Vera Wells
Evansville, Indiana

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I would like to share with your readers the Perfect Button Every Time hint. With the introduction of computer drafting, my husband no longer needed some of the templates he used at work. I snatched them up and added them to my craft collection. I now have circles, ellipses and oval templates. Each template has numerous sizes on them. To create the perfect button every time, I drew

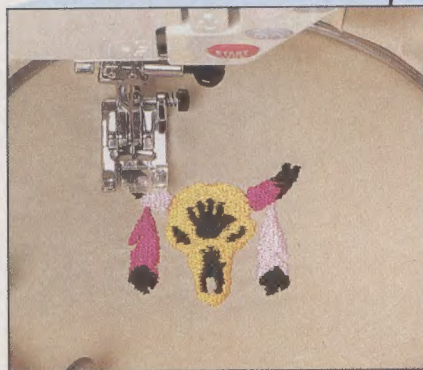
the shapes on Aleene's Shrink-It placing a number on the Shrink-It and a number on the template shape it was made from -- then, punched my holes and placed in the oven. Once my collection of Perfect Buttons were done, I stored them in a container. Now when I start my sewing project I get out my collection and see which button will work best, match the number with the number on the template and create my own buttons! Now I can have designer buttons for pennies!

Debbie McDevitt
Saltsburg, Pennsylvania

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Hobby Lobby
A Celestial Celebration
Design and Instructions by
Darsee Lett & Pattie Donham

Paper Mache Box or Foam Star

Materials Needed:

Paper napkins of your choice
1 disposable sponge brush
Aleene's Paper Napkin
Applique Glue™
Paper mache box or
foam star
1 yard drapery cording

Separate plies of paper napkin. Use only the printed ply of the napkin. Discard other plies.

Tear napkin into small pieces. **NOTE:** Do not use scissors to cut napkin. Brush glue onto box or star. Work within a 6" space because the glue dries quickly.

Lay napkin pieces over wet glue, overlapping slightly. (Wrinkles are fine—they give texture.) Brush more glue over top of napkin pieces. Overlap pieces of napkin until entire box is covered. Let dry overnight. **NOTE:** Omit the following steps if working with foam star.

After project has completely dried, tie cording into bow. Knot the ends of cording 3" from bottom and separate to create fringe. Lay cording bow onto the lid of

box and place in desired position.

Lift up parts of cording and apply glue underneath. Press cording down to secure into place. Brush glue on top and all around cording and let dry completely. ■

Studded Candles

Materials Needed:

Aleene's Tacky Glue™
Approximately 24 studs (nail heads) per candle
Candle(s) of your choice

Squeeze drop of Tacky glue into center of each stud and push into candle in a random pattern. ■

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Christmas in July

Open the
door to
Christmas
Creativity...

Instructions for the
Maxwell Super Bow
on page 61.

Christmas in JULY

Northwest Fabrics & Crafts and Rainbow Bay Crafts Chalking Plaster Houses

Materials Needed:

Small paintbrush
Ceramcoat Paint (white)
Plaster house
Folk Art Stain (Down Home Brown)
Cotton rag
Cotton swabs
Weber Costella Alpha Color pastel chalk
Gold leafing (optional)
Deco-Art Snow-Tex (not fabric Snow-Tex)
Gick Prism glitter
Aleene's Right-On™ finishes (your choice of matte or gloss)

Apply two coats white paint to entire plaster surface. Let dry between coats and be careful not to miss any areas or chalking technique will not be effective.

Apply stain, working in small areas at a time. Use cotton rag to dab excess stain off. **NOTE:** Do not allow to dry. Load a cotton swab with chalk by holding cotton swab firmly in one hand and chalk in other. Twist cotton swab back and forth working color onto swab.

With loaded cotton swab,

Here are two incredible ways to channel your Christmas creativity and decorate your home with all the warmth and charm of the season. Welcome family and friends in style!

rub onto house area that has been stained. Work quickly before stain dries. If stain dries, reapply stain.

Gold leafing may be used to accent door knobs or lettering on buildings. Stain does not need to be applied before using gold leafing.

After entire plaster piece has been chalked, highlight snow areas by applying Snow-Tex with cotton swab. While Snow-Tex is still wet, sprinkle with glitter.

After plaster piece has dried for 24 hours, apply a coat of Right-On. **NOTE:** Do not display in direct sunlight. ■

Sew-Easy Straw/Satin Lace Christmas Wreath

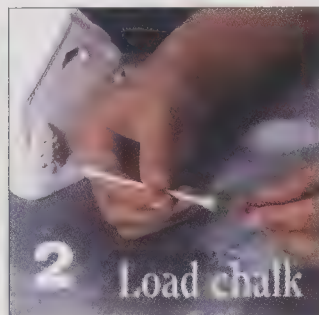
Design and Instructions
by Mary Holman Allen

Materials Needed:

2-2/3 yards (2" wide)
Satin/Lace Ruffle DRL5
12" diameter straw wreath
3 yards (2-1/2" wide) Wired Ribbon MR3
26 gauge craft wire
Cool melt glue gun or Aleene's Thick Designer Tacky Glue™
1 gold Christmas pick
2 long pine cones
6 sprigs pine
1-1/2 yards (4 mm) gold pearls

Wrap satin ruffle around wreath five times, leaving 10" exposed at bottom of wreath. Using remaining stain ruffle, wrap so binding meets binding of previous wrap with ruffle facing the opposite direction.

Make a 6-loop bow (3" loops, 12" streamers) using wired ribbon. Hold bow together with craft wire. Glue bow at center bottom of wreath. Glue pick in center of bow. Glue pine around and into loops. Cut remaining ribbon in two 8" pieces and make ribbon tufts. Glue behind large pine cones. Glue pearls onto center of satin ruffle ribbon. ■







Christmas in JULY

Beverly Crafts Poinsettia Sweatshirt

Design and Instructions
by Mary Pratte

Materials Needed:

Sweatshirt

1/2 yard poinsettia fabric

Iron

Aleene's Fusible Web™

Scissors

Shirt board

Glittering gold fabric writer
paints

Aleene's OK to Wash-It™

Fabric Glue

Tweezers to place rhine-
stones

Rhinestones (topaz, crystal,
kelly green, in the smallest
size or size of your choice)

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Wash and dry the sweatshirt and fabric following manufacturer's laundering instructions. It is very important to pre-wash the fabric and sweatshirt to remove any sizing before applying Fusible Web as the web will not stick well to sizing. Do not use fabric softener in washer or dryer. After fabric has been washed, iron to remove wrinkles.

Apply Aleene's Fusible Web to wrong side of fabric following instructions on page 52.

Cut poinsettias from fabric. The number of poinsettias will be determined by the size of poinsettias on the fabric. (We used 8.) Peel off paper backing and place some of the poinsettias in a V shape on the front side of sweatshirt. Save three or so poinsettias to go across the backside of sweatshirt.

Iron poinsettias on the front

side of sweatshirt following the instructions on page 52. Turn sweatshirt over. Place poinsettias across the upper back and iron in place.

Place shirt on shirt board. Embellish the edges of poinsettias with fabric writer. Place glue in center of each poinsettia. Place several rhinestones in the centers (3-4 of each color) using tweezers. Using fabric writer, make swirls coming out from each poinsettia. Make several dots with the fabric writer around the poinsettias. Let this side dry for 24 hours and then embellish the back of shirt in the same way.

To care for your sweatshirt do not wash for at least a week. For best results, turn sweatshirt inside out, hand wash in cool water, and hang to dry. Enjoy! ■

*(Beverly Crafts Christmas Wall
Hanging instructions on page 55)*

Christmas in JULY



Maxwell's Door Bow

Maxwell's Door Bow

Design and Instructions by
Maxwell's

Materials Needed:

10 yards Natural Color
Maxwell's Twisted Craft
Paper
Small amount eucalyptus
stems
2 long Christmas berry
stems
4 small Christmas berry
stems
Small amount baby's
breath
Glue (hot glue recommended)
Floral wire

G *Get Acquainted Kit - p.56*

Untwist craft paper. Make a large (approx. 18" wide) "multi-loop" bow with four long (approx. 24" to 30") streamers. Glue eucalyptus, berry stems and baby's breath at center of bow. Attach wire to the back of bow for hanging. ■

Maxwell's Grapevine Wreath

Design and Instructions by
Terry Hunt

Materials Needed:

4 yards red Maxwell's
Twist Craft Paper
12"-14" diameter grapevine
wreath
Glue (hot glue recommended)
Floral wire
4 long Christmas berry
stems
4 stems eucalyptus
1 Christmas berry spray

G *Get Acquainted Kit - p.56*

Untwist craft paper. Wrap a length of craft paper around the wreath (glue ends to back of wreath).

Glue or wire the berry stems and eucalyptus in place at side of wreath. Glue the berry spray in place at top right of wreath. (See photo.)

Using remaining craft paper, make a large "double loop" bow with 6" streamers. Glue the bow in place at center of berry stems. ■

The December Dream

Relaxing in front of the fireplace, soaking in the sensory delights of the environment you've created: warm colors, healing lights, succulent feasts, and Nat King Cole's silky voice in the background.

The Reality

List after list, last minute shopping trips, cooking past midnight, an endless stream of things to do, places to go, and people to see.

Avoid Christmas chaos: plan now, enjoy later! It's never too early to start making Christmas decorations like these distinctive designs. They'll definitely spice up any holiday setting. And don't forget to share these inspired looks with family and friends.



Christmas in JULY

Tic-Tac- Ho • Ho • Ho

Design by Heidi Borchers, SCD
Instructions by Joan Fee, SCD

Santa

Materials Needed:

4" wood bowling pin
Acrylic paint (flesh, red and black)
1/2" wide shader paintbrush
Scissors
Felt (scraps of red, white and black)
Aleene's Thick Designer Tacky Glue™
1 each (1/4" wide) white and red pom pom
Scrap of gold paper for buckle

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Paint upper 1-1/4" of bowling pin flesh color. Paint bottom portion red; allow to dry.

Cut hat and sleeves from red felt. Cut hands and one 1/4" x 6" strip for belt from black felt. Cut beard, mustache and cuffs from white felt. Cut one 1/4" x 4" strip for hat trim and one 1/4" x 5" strip for trim below belt from white felt.

Glue ends of hat together, slightly overlapping to form cone. Glue white band around edge of hat. Glue beard, mustache and hat onto body. Glue tip of hat down to one side, see photo. Glue white pom pom to tip of hat. Glue red pom pom to center of mustache.

Glue sleeves and gloves to body. Glue on
(continued on page 60)





JoAnn Fabrics and Crafts/Kunin Felt Christmas Cottage Wreath

Design and Instructions by
Cindy Groom Harry® and Staff

Materials Needed:

- Hunt X-ACTO® craft knife,
craft rotary cutter, self
healing mat and tweezers
- Kunin Felt /Foss Rainbow®
Felt (white - 1 yard 36"
wide bolt felt, green - 1-3/4"
x 9" plus 9" x 10-1/2",
pink - 5" x 7")
- 2 temp glue gun and glue
sticks
- 12" diameter white foam ring
wreath
- 5" x 10" piece of 1/4" thick
white Hunt Bienfang®
foam board
- Ruler
- Paper
- Fiskars® Craft Scissors
- Assorted candies - wrapped
bubble gum sticks, mini
candy canes, hard candy
mints, jelly beans, gum
drops, candy-coated choco-
late balls, mini-sandwich
cookies
- Pencil
- Small container
- Duncan Snow Accents™
Paint
- One Forster™ craft stick
- Needle and thread
- 6" x 10" white SNOW BLAN-
KETS polyester batting
from Putnam Co. Inc.

*(materials and instructions
continued on page 60)*

Mardi-Gras Magic

Maxwell's Mardi-Gras Wreath

Design and Instructions
by Terry Hunt

Materials Needed:

- 5 yards Gold Maxwell's Metallic Twisted Craft Paper
- 3 yards each red, green, blue, hot pink Maxwell's Metallic Twisted Craft Paper
- 1 (12" diameter) straw wreath
- Floral wire
- Glue (hot glue recommended)

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Untwist craft paper. Wrap a three yard length of gold craft paper around the wreath (securing the ends of ribbon at back of wreath). Cover the wreath completely.

Wrap a 1-1/2 yard length of each other color around the wreath (securing the ends of ribbon at back of wreath). Space the colors so the gold shows as pictured.

Make a large "multi-loop" bow with multi 12" streamers, using all the colors. Glue or wire the bow at the base of the wreath. ■

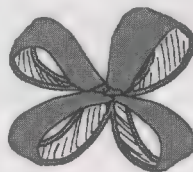
The Simple Loopy Bow

This simple bow making technique is easy to do and works well with twisted craft paper. Use this simple technique to make a big bow, a small bow, or a bow with two, four, or a multi number of loops...

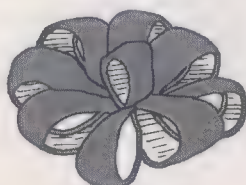
1. Fold craft paper strip to loop. Wire the loop together at the center.
2. Stack the loops in a criss-crossed manner, securing them to each other with a wire or glue.
3. Make a small single loop and secure it to center of bow with a wire or glue.
4. Cut streamers and secure them to back of bow with a wire or glue. Use this technique to make a single or multi-loopy bow. Wire or glue the bow to the project. ■



step 1 • Strip and loop



step 2 • Criss-cross & secure



step 3 • Single loop & secure



step 4 • Cut streamers & secure



Michaels Stores

Decorative Bottles

Pasta Bottle

Design and Instructions
by Jan Blackwell

Materials Needed:

Decorative bottle
Pasta of your choice
1 yard (1-1/4" wide) pasta
printed ribbon
Aleene's Thick Designer
Tacky Glue™
Wheat and poppy pods
Pinking shears
Raffia

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Fill bottle with pasta. Tie ribbon around bottle and glue on accents of wheat and poppy pods. Make a multi-loop bow with ribbon, cutting loops and ends with pinking shears. Glue a few pieces of pasta into center of bow. Make a raffia tassel and hang from center of bow. ■

*(Instructions for Button Bottle and
Day by the Sea Bottle
on page 61)*



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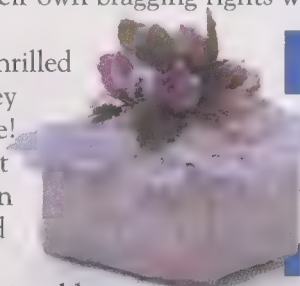
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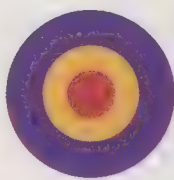
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Bulls Eye Button Toss



Hancock Fabrics Bull's Eye Button Toss

Materials Needed:

- 2/3 yard royal blue felt
- 2/3 yard red felt
- 2-1/3 yards (1/4" wide) red polyester cording
- 9" square bright yellow felt
- 1 package or 2 1/2 yards jumbo yellow rick rack
- 2 Paint-It Boards for tees and sweats
- Craft knife
- Fabric marking pen
- Ruler
- Aleene's Tacky Glue™
- Pinking shears (optional)
- 5/8 yard Aleene's Fusible Web™
- 1 tube fabric paint of each color: red, bright yellow, royal blue
- Number appliques: 2 of #1, 1 of #5, 1 of #0
- (12) 7/8" flat white buttons
- Sewing machine (optional)
- (2) 44" pieces of rick rack
- 2-1/3 yards (1/4" wide) red cording

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- CUT**
- Blue felt - (1) 24"x 54" piece, (1) 12" circle
 - Red felt - (1) 24"x 54" piece, (2) 5"x 7" pieces, (1) 3" circle
 - Red cording - (2) 24" pieces, (1) 36" piece
 - Yellow felt into 8" circle
 - Yellow rick rack (2) 44" pieces

Increase hole in Paint-It Boards to 1" diameter, using craft knife.

Mark two lines 3/4" apart on blue felt. See diagram 53.

Spread glue evenly on side of Paint-It Board and center along left marked line. Repeat for second board as shown.

Evenly spread glue on both boards and 3/4" center space. Position red felt on top. Match to blue felt at corners.

To reinforce edges, run a bead of glue 1/2" from

outer edges of both boards between the layers of felt. Pinch together. Let dry.

Trim glued felt 3/4" from outside edges of boards, using pinking shears, if desired. Do not cut between the boards—this is the hinge.

Cut away 1/2" circles inside 1" circles on ends of boards. Re-glue felt if necessary.

On blue side of boards, glue two strips of rick rack 3" from continuous long edges. Turn under ends 1/2" and glue.

Apply fusible web to the three circles following directions on page 52. Fuse red circle in center of yellow circle, then center and fuse on blue circle. Center and fuse bull's eye on left red board as shown in diagram on page 53.

On opposite red board, mark and paint with yellow paint the scoring zone lines as shown in photo.

Glue applique numerals as indicated.

Paint small dot of red paint in center of six white buttons; let dry. Turn buttons over and paint centers. Repeat on other six buttons with blue paint.

NOTE: For button bag, use 1/4" seam allowance. Glue or stitch sides and bottom seams of two 5"x 7" pieces of red felt, leave 2" free at top of side seams.

Turn 1" casing to inside at top and glue or stitch along edge.

From one opening, feed one 24" piece of cording through casing. Tie ends together to form circle. repeat through other opening. Bag closes when cords are pulled in opposite directions.

Tie remaining 36" piece of cording into a circle to make handles for the game when looped through both 1/2" openings in folded boards.

To play the game, open boards and lean bull's eye against a wall. Players take turns pitching buttons toward the bull's eye. Points are scored by multiplying the buttons that land in the three scoring zones by the number for that zone - 10, 5, or 1. Player with highest score wins. ■

For Aleene's embellished vest and tie, follow the instructions on page 52.

Hit Me With Your Best Shot!

Gather your crafting pals together for a friendly competition with this entertaining game that's both fun to play and easy to make. The kids will really get a kick out of bagging this Bulls Eye!

Good Luck!





step up to summer

Northwest Fabrics & Crafts and Rainbow Bay Crafts
 Watermelon Stool
 Design by Karen Parker

Materials Needed:

Sandpaper

Unfinished

watermelon stool

Ceramcoat Paint -

**hunter green, white,
crimson, and black**

Assorted brushes

including sponge brush

Pencil

Ruler

Aleene's Right-On™ finish (gloss)

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Sand any rough spots before painting stool. Apply two coats of each color paint using the photo as a guide. Let dry between coats. Apply two coats of white paint on the bottom of the stool; let dry. Draw checkerboard pattern on legs of stool using pencil. Squares should measure 5/8". Paint every other square red. Let dry 24 hours. Apply Right-On over entire stool using sponge brush; let dry. ■

Creamy Fruit Dip

This dip is a wonderful compliment to all fruits - from sour apples to sweet, fresh pineapple.

- 7 ounce jar marshmallow cream
- 8 ounce cream cheese

Whip the cream cheese until fluffy, add marshmallow cream.

Arrange fruit on platter with dip in center. This delicious dip is a guaranteed crowd pleaser, in fact, the dip will disappear before the fruit! ■

Almond Fruit Dip

- 16 ounces sour cream
- 1/4 cup brown sugar (to taste)
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract (to taste)
- Toasted almonds (optional)

Cream all ingredients together and refrigerate - the longer it sets, the better it tastes!

Layer fruit in a bowl, alternating almonds and croutons.*

Before serving, pour half of dip over fruit using remainder for dipping. This dip looks extraordinarily appear-

ing when served in a clear bowl. ■

*Almond Croutons

- 1 small loaf French bread
- 1 cube margarine
- 1/4 cup brown sugar (to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract (to taste)

Cut bread into cubes. Melt margarine, brown sugar, and almond extract. Spoon liquid over bread cubes to coat. Bake at 350 - 400 degrees until toasted. ■

*Recipes courtesy of
Carolyn Bainbridge*

EXQUISITE eggs

By Kim Brawn

Turning the most basic element into the most beautiful design is one of the most compelling joys of crafting...

What a kick to see the "before" turn into the "after" right in front of your eyes using your own hands. Eggs are one of those simple staples of life ready to be transformed into incredible creations--with a little help from Lane Ream, that is.

Lane is the force behind Lane's, a Santa Maria, California-based business, that supplies various types of eggshells and "egg"cessories to egg enthusiasts throughout the country.

During a recent interview with Lane at the Creative Living Studios, she spoke about her varied (pre-egg) background.

For 12 years she was a computer operator and then in 1988 she was laid off. That's when she decided to try something she'd always loved: trucking. After taking a class to learn how to drive big rigs, Lane spent 2 years driving the west coast. Told by many she was too small, this former Harley rider definitely proved her skeptics wrong.

Itching for something different and a way to spend more time with her family, she decided to buy an egg business for sale in Santa Maria. Lane had seen a decorated egg and decided to try her hand at it. And, boy, has her business taken off in a big way, selling approximately 60,000 - 70,000 eggshells a year.

Lane and one other woman run the operation, and there's also Lane's husband, John, who provides lots of moral support as well as doing computer work and packing. It's been a decidedly trial

and error process, as Lane puts it: "if you learn by your mistakes, then I must have quite an education." She's the only one on the west coast supplying eggs on this scale.

Lane's catalog has an incredible array of eggs from the ordinary to the exotic--quail, chicken, duck, turkey, pheasant, chuker, guinea, goose, Chinese goose, ostrich, emu, and rhea (Lane described this member of the ostrich family as "a dust mop with feet") and many of these have their own unique shape, texture, look, etc... for example, Lane said that a pheasant egg looks like a martini olive. All this variation can only lead to endless design possibilities.

Just where do these eggs come from? No, Lane does not roam the countryside stealing wild bird eggs--which would be both highly impractical and highly illegal. No, she goes the hatchery route. Either going to nearby hatcheries to get the eggs or having them shipped from greater distances--buying infertile or inedible eggs that would have otherwise been trashed. So you might say that it's recycling at the most basic level.

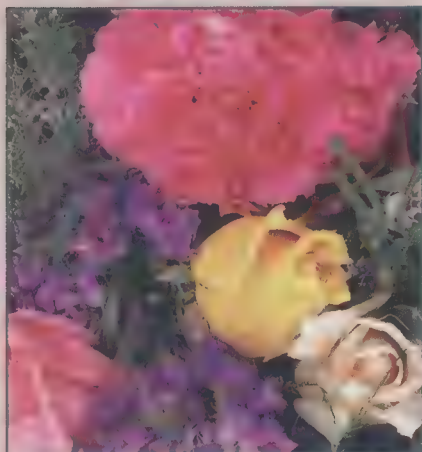
To make decorating as easy as possible, Lane offers pre-cut goose eggs (regular and hinged), cut by number kits, featuring designs like butterfly wings, maple leaves, lace, and petals.

Lane has been quoted as saying, "I can't stand to waste even a piece of an eggshell." Case in point: when a shipment of broken goose eggs arrived one day, Lane didn't get mad, she got creative, transforming bits and pieces into unusual eggshell stands (which are also offered through her catalog).

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*Eggs are one of those simple staples
of life ready to be transformed
into incredible creations...*





A Bountiful HARVEST

***What if there were
a way to extend
the life and the
vivid colors
of fresh florals--
a way that could
potentially become
an extremely
profitable business
opportunity...***

Flowers, with their fabulous fragrance, breathtaking colors, and wildly diverse shapes, work their magic by lifting spirits, beautifying environments, and crystallizing energy.

Unfortunately, a bouquet of freshly cut flowers, gorgeous as it is, will usually last only about a week.

What if there were a way to extend the life and the vivid colors of fresh florals--a way that could potentially become an extremely profitable business opportunity?

Needless to say, that "way" is here today and it's called freeze-drying. This innovative process, developed by Northstar Freeze-Dry, Inc. in 1988, gives you the ability to produce a dried flower with all the wonderful shade and detail of a fresh flower.

Floral entrepreneurs and producers worldwide are taking advantage of the unlimited creative and business applications of freeze-drying. They're drying cut flowers, seasonal wild flowers, decorative herbs, fruits and vegetables to make absolutely stunning designs.

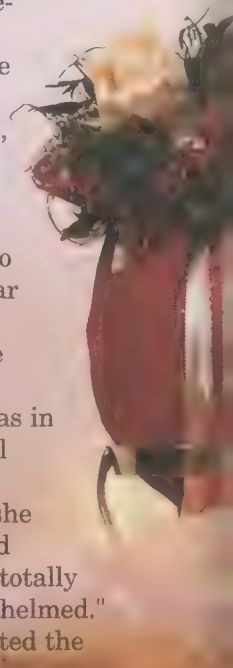
In a recent phone interview from Northstar's newest sales, distribution, and training center in Roseville, California, marketing manager Bill Schaefer said that his company's three freeze-

drying machines allow people to pick their own business niche. For example, their most popular model, the #3680 "Ultra", can dry 3,000 - 4,000 flowers in 7-8 days. Deciding which machine is right for you may depend on capacity, room availability, and environmental factors. The price range of these machines is from \$17,900 - \$35,900.

Bill pointed out that Northstar has its own leasing associate who travels to conventions to answer all your financing questions and that the company offers a "total marketing package" to help launch your new business in the freeze-dry industry.

Joining Bill at the Roseville location is Judy Bohn of Europa, a company specializing in superbly freeze-dried works of nature. Europa is also an inspiring Northstar success story.

In a recent phone interview, Judy explained that she was in the fresh flower retail business for about 15 years when one day she saw some freeze-dried flowers and became "totally fascinated and overwhelmed." She had long confronted the



problem of fresh flowers - that they simply do not last - but freeze-drying seemed to eliminate that hurdle by dramatically increasing the flowers' shelf life while keeping their beauty intact.

Well, as Judy puts it, deciding to get a Northstar machine "was the quickest decision I ever made." Before she knew it, her business just "exploded" and a second machine was added to keep up with demand.

Judy is involved in both bulk and retail with her own Christmas line, home accessories, specialty items, wreaths, and more.

Judy and Bill are heading the 2-day hands-on classes at the Roseville facility designed to help budding entrepreneurs with

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**Article by
Kim Brawn**

**For more
information on
the bountiful
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opportunities
awaiting you
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forum of
freeze-drying,
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Puzzling Pins

If you enjoy solving puzzles, then you'll love the unusual pin that's destined to become a conversation piece as well as a terrific accessory for any outfit. It's a fun and easy project for puzzle people of all ages. These pins also make great gifts for those hard-to-shop-for friends!

Old America Puzzle Pins

Instructions by Violet Lynn

Materials Needed for Pins:

- 1 box Paperweight's Jigsaw Puzzle
- 1/2" flat paint brush
- 1 bottle Aleene's Tacky Glue™
- Several small pieces of heavy paper
- Metallic gold paint
- Aleene's Right-On™ finishes (your choice of matte, satin or gloss)
- Gold paint marker
- 1" bar pin
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks

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Pin:

Assemble interlocking pieces of puzzle; break apart to form desired pin shape.

Brush thin layer of Tacky glue on back side. Place a small piece (slightly smaller than puzzle pieces) heavy paper over glue. Brush glue on the back; allow to dry.

Paint back side metallic gold; allow to dry.

Turn piece over and paint front with Right-On. Outline outside and interlocking pieces with gold paint marker, see photo. Glue bar pin on back with hot glue gun. ■

Materials Needed for Beaded Dangles:

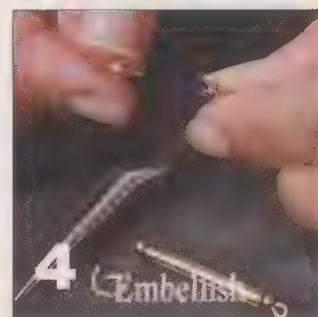
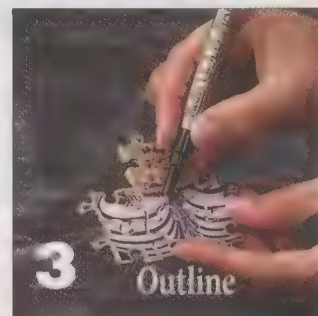
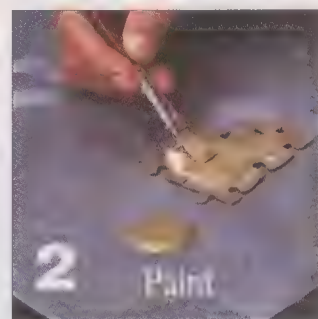
Dangles:

- 2 (1-1/2" long) head pins
- 4 (3 mm) gold beads
- 1 each (1" & 1/2" length) bugle beads
- Round nose pliers
- 1 jump ring
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks

Beaded Dangle:

Using head pin, slide on one small round gold bead, one bugle bead and one small round gold bead. Grasp straight end of pin with pliers and turn counter clockwise to form loop. Repeat procedure for second dangle.

Slightly open jump ring and slide dangles on through loops and reclose. Glue dangle to back of pin with hot glue. ■







microwave Magic

Timetable for Drying Flowers in a Microwave Oven

Drying Time	Types of Flowers
1 to 2 minutes (medium power)	Small flowers - pansies, violas, baby's breath, buttercup, feverfew, heather, ferns and other small, open-faced flowers.
2 to 3 minutes	Medium flowers - azaleas, calendula, daisy, aster, bachelor button, larkspur, delphinium, foxglove and other multi-petaled flowers.
* 3 to 3-1/2 minutes	Large, dense flowers - roses, carnations, gardenia, marigold, hydrangea, hyacinth, chrysanthemum, orchid, snapdragon, stock, peony.

* The heavy, dense centers of some flowers will require extra time for a full container of the flowers.

Aleene's Dried Flowers

Designs by Joan Fee and Carolyn Bainbridge
Instructions by Joan Fee/Presented by Jenn Fee

Materials Needed:

Base (paper box, glass jars, etc.)

Acrylic spray paint - optional
(color of your choice)

Microwave oven

Activa Products, Inc. Flower Drying Kit No. 2600 which includes Flower Art Silica Gel, microwave-safe container, 18-gauge stem wire, florist tape and basic instructions for drying flowers

Fresh flowers of your choice (see time table)

Glass jar with 1 cup water

Pot holders

Aleene's Thick Designer Tacky Glue™

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Paint box; allow to dry.

Read the operating manual for your microwave oven and follow the general operating instructions.

Pour silica gel into container to a depth of 1-1/2". Cut flower stems to about one to two inches in length. Place flowers face up on surface of silica gel and cover gently with additional silica gel. Be careful not to crush the fragile petals.

Set container in center of microwave oven.

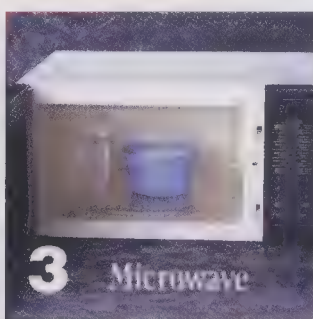
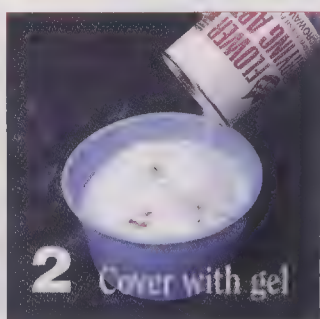
Place a small glass jar containing 1 cup water in back of microwave oven. Refill glass jar with water as the water is "cooked away".

Drying time depends upon the type of flower and the number of flowers in the container. The smaller the flowers, the shorter the time needed to dry them. Flowers can become over-dry and color will be removed if they remain too long in the microwave oven.

Following the operating instructions for the microwave oven, set the controls to medium-high. Set time for type of flowers as shown in table.

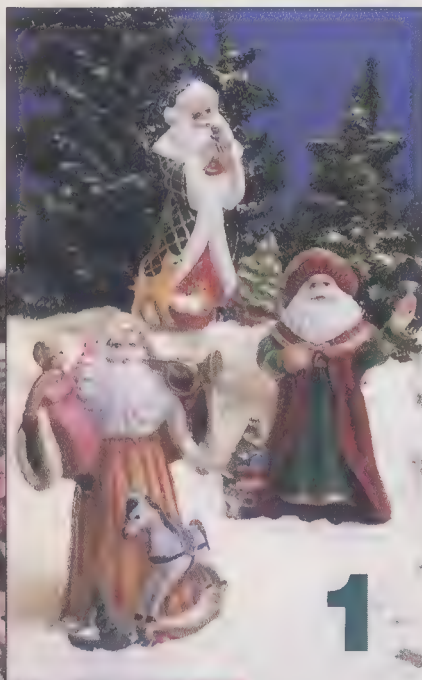
Remove container from microwave oven using pot

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Gallery of



1 Syndee's Vinyl Victorian Santas

The lovely look of porcelain but they won't break! These sensational Santas are easy-to-paint and come in six different styles, each captured in incredible detail. These durable designs also look great antiqued.

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2 JoAnn Fabrics & Crafts/New York Fabrics & Crafts Special Occasion Tablecloths

Let your table do the talking next time you throw a party! Simply choose any fabric that fits the occasion -- a birthday, a picnic, a wedding or baby shower, Halloween, New Year's, or any special celebration. Just make the right size cloth to fit your table then transform it into a wipe clean surface with Iron-On Vinyl by Heat 'n Bond in regular or matte finish. Don't forget to accent your table with a matching centerpiece to finish the look!

3 Michaels Brown Bag-It

Imagine all the exciting looks you can create with these gorgeous gift bags. With a little help from Aleene's Tacky Glue, you'll be able to make bags accented with yo-yo fabric designs, buttons, and charms. With Aleene's Fusible Web and ribbon invent a charming Christmas tree look or combine cinnamon and Aleene's Tacky Glue for a wonderful gingerbread-like creation. It's definitely fun to personalize these bags.

S S.A.S.E. - p.63 G-346 (July 19)

4 Jenn Fee's Stiffened Pocket

Make this fabulous floral design with Aleene's Fabric Stiffener and Aleene's Thick Designer Tacky Glue. This is a super simple project that both kids and adults will love. Silk or dried flowers will add color to this fun accent piece.



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Crafts

5 Leewards Bandana Fun

It's time to spice up your wardrobe with a beautiful bandana. Whether you go for a wild western look, sunny sunflowers, Mickey Mouse, or a variety of animal themes, you'll find something you'll love to wear or to give as a special gift. Just use Aleene's Fusible Web, colorful pony and wooden beads, stars, rings, and more. Bandana bracelets will leave you breathless!

6 Denim Decorating by Heidi Borchers

Why not transform your worn denim into a fresh new look with these fun accents like stars, moons, and fringe? This project is super simple thanks to Aleene's Jewel-It Glue, Aleene's OK To Wash-It, and Aleene's Fusible Web. It's easy to make those celestial signs with fabulous fabric foil!

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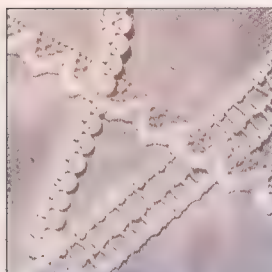
7 Decorated Vest by Heidi Borchers

This is a great example of "before" and "after" -- braiding makes for a great accent to jazz up this basic beige vest giving it a whole new look. It's a look that's easy to create thanks to Aleene's OK To Wash-It and Aleene's Jewel-It.

S S.A.S.E. - p.63 A-255 (July 6)

THE GALLERY OF CRAFTS

is your easy reference source for quick, easy and new craft ideas. Most of the materials for these projects can be found in the craft stores noted or use our easy SASE and GAK references. SASE indicates that you can send for free instructions and/or literature and GAK indicates that a Get Acquainted Kit is available!



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1 Reverse Collage Ornaments by Heidi Borchers

Imagine hanging these dazzling designs from your holiday tree. Just use your favorite paper napkin designs, Aleene's Reverse Collage Glue, Aleene's Designer Glue, braid, and plastic cups and you'll be well on your way to creating elegant ornaments. Accent with ribbon to finish this lovely look!

S S.A.S.E. - p.63 A-253 (July 12)

2 JoAnn Fabrics & Crafts/New York Fabrics & Crafts/Maxwell Sachet

Bring the fresh country air into your home when you create these unique sachets. When paper twist is untwisted, glued together to form a pocket, and filled with potpourri, it's transformed into a "scent"sational sachet. Accented with a natural raffia bow and decorated with vibrant paper twist flowers, these sachets will be a wonderful addition to your home decor and they also make terrific gifts.

S S.A.S.E. - p.63 G-330 (July 18)

3 Screen Jewelry by Heidi Borchers

Looking for an elegant yet inexpensive conversation piece? Then these unique bracelets made from window screens definitely fit the bill. These dazzling silver and gold designs are easy-to-make with Aleene's Tacky Glue, Aleene's Designer Glue and Aleene's Shrink-It-just paint, embellish, and show off!

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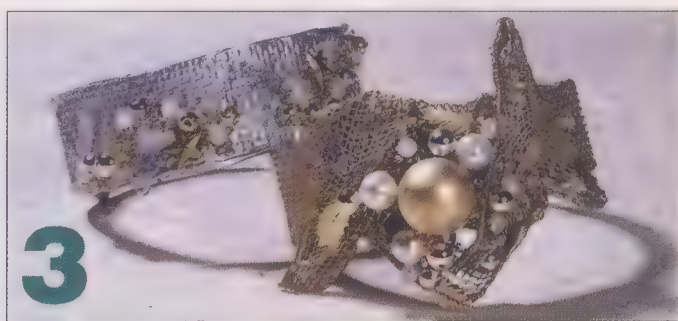
4 Aleene's Advanced Bead-It by Julianna Hudgins

Create incredible chokers and regal rosettes with Aleene's Bead-It Loom and extender, along with some easy-to-learn advanced techniques. Make even more elaborate designs as you continue to expand your creativity!

S S.A.S.E. - p.62 & 63 A-169 (July 1) - Basic bracelet instructions only

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5 Temari

Learn how to make elegant Japanese thread balls that make exquisite gifts or ornaments. Diana Vandervoort's book *Temari - How to Make Japanese Thread Balls* is the perfect primer for beginners and a wonderful introduction to this ancient artform. The color combinations you can create are unbelievable!

6 Crafts 'N Things Magazine

With this wonderful (10 issue a year) magazine, it's Christmas in every issue! The August issue features fantastically fun ornaments from the animal kingdom including a captivating kitten. Learn how to make this fabulous feline with complete instructions available in the magazine. Also, check out Crafts 'N Things new feature - pattern pages with nothing on the back, so you can cut the pages apart!

S S.A.S.E. - p.63 G-336 (July 11) - Subscription information only

7 Ben Franklin Something Fishy

These flashy fish make for a wonderful summer look on t-shirts, shorts, shoes, even earrings -- create a whole under the sea theme! Make bolder bubbles with colorful rhinestones held in place with Aleene's Jewel-It Glue.

8 Leewards Plaster Pedestals

Want to capture the look of the Roman Empire in your own home? Well, these plaster pillar pedestals will add some ancient flair to any decor. Accent with Delta's Ceramcoat Gesso. For added protection, you can put some felt on the bottom with Aleene's Tacky Glue.



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1 Marlene Watson's Decorated Jars

It's wonderfully easy to achieve this delightfully decorated design. Just bury a sensational selection of seashells, buttons, and charms in Aleene's Tacky Glue and for a lovely sheen use Aleene's Right-On Finish. These gorgeously embellished plastic jars are perfect for storing bath salts.

S S.A.S.E. - p. A-250 (July 5) - Ordering information only

2 JoAnn Fabrics & Crafts/New York Fabrics & Crafts Crayola Kids

Get creative with Crayola Fabric Crayons--customize your own design and transfer them to fabric. Let the kids make special gifts for grandparents and teachers or create a special wearable shirt--just draw colorful scribbles and highlight with glitter and fabric paint. The crafting possibilities are endless!

3 Marlene Watson's Riso Family Reunion

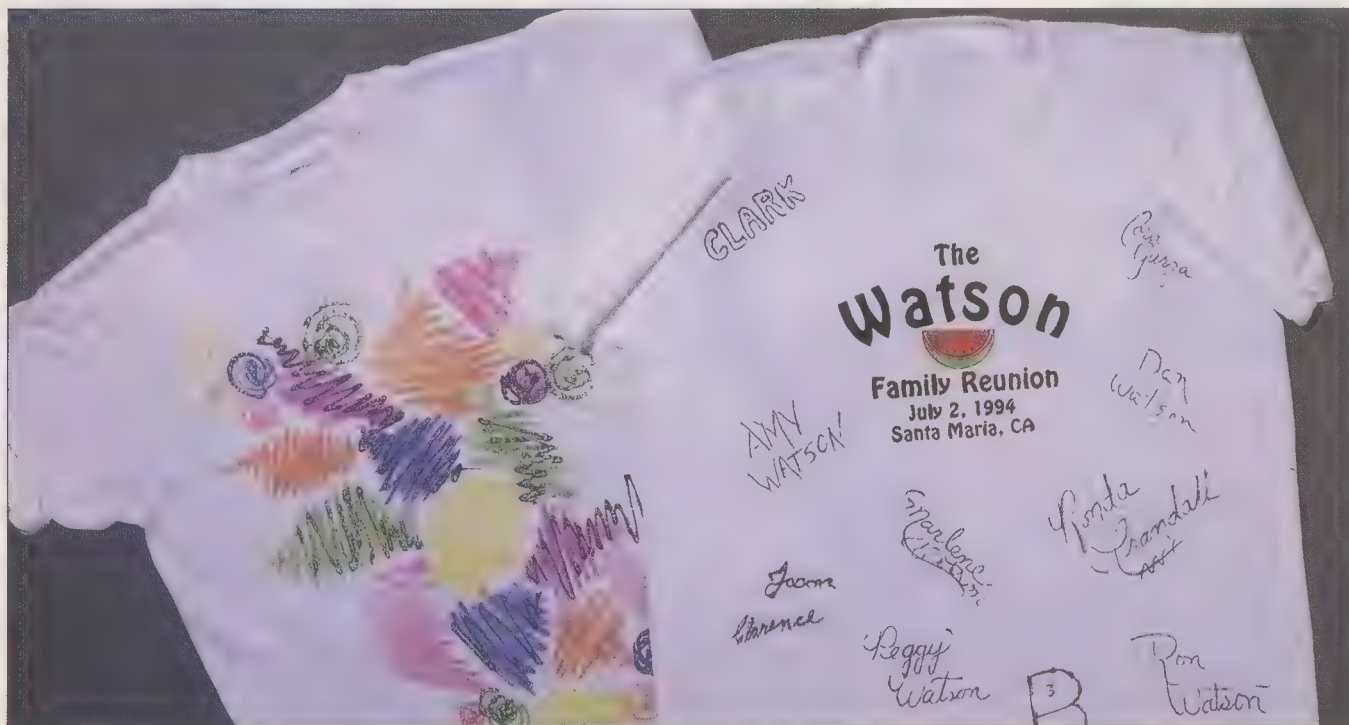
With the marvelous Print Gocco machine by Riso, it's amazingly simple to create dazzling designs to use for all occasions. A family reunion will come together easily with wonderful watermelon invitations, napkins, t-shirts, and more. Personalize every aspect of your special celebration--the only limit is your imagination.

S S.A.S.E. - p.63 G-37 (July 29) - Product information only

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4 Ribbon Outlet Bow Holder

This charming clown is the perfect place to put all your hair bows. It's an easy-to-make project that uses felt, pom poms, ribbon, and Aleene's Tacky Glue to create an incredible clown--then just clip on your bows and you'll never lose them!

S S.A.S.E. - p.62 G-278 (July 6)

5 Marlene Watson's Curly Ribbons

Create a wonderful party shirt, a dress, jewelry, and more with this fun technique. Just wrap satin ribbon around a knitting needle, bake for 15 minutes, let cool, and -voila!- you have curly ribbon that can accent anything with the help of Aleene's Designer Glue or Aleene's OK To Wash-It. Combine with Aleene's Shrink-It to invent "curly" barrettes and pins!

S S.A.S.E. - p.63 G-329 (July 28) - Ordering information only

6 Hancock Fabrics Personalized Bulletin Boards

Keep all your important notes or project instructions on your own personalized bulletin board. Bugs Bunny, florals, and animals may grace the board or, perhaps, a sewer's board is right for you. Using Aleene's Hot Stitch Fusible Web and Aleene's Tacky Glue you can accent your board with fabric, pin cushion, buttons, tape measure, patterns, safety pins, and more. A fun and practical project!



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CRAFTING

The Crafting Time features have been selected from projects submitted by Creative Living television viewers...

Time



Create this cute angel for Christmas or minus the holly and she's a great year round decoration!

Bouncing Angel

Design and Instructions by Elaine Schneider

1 Cut a 36" length from wire. Wrap wire around cone, from the top down, keeping the wraps fairly close together. The coils will open up when removed from cone. Stop wrapping wire when there is approximately 6" left. Remove wire from cone. Form a base with the 6" tail by bending the wire back and forth across the bottom coil. The bottom coil should be approximately 2" in diameter.

2 For arms, cut two 8" lengths from wire. Wrap each piece of

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Materials Needed:

Wire cutters
2 yards gold foil covered wire
6" cone
1" gold glass ball (balls from a bunch of metallic glass grapes, the kind with a base much like a light bulb, gives enough weight to the top of the angel)
Aleene's Thick Designer Tacky Glue™
2 (1/4" wide) gold ribbon roses (2-1/2" diameter by 3/4" thick)
wood circle
1/2" wide shader paintbrush (optional)
Aleene's Tacky Glue™
Gold glitter
Spray clear lacquer
(1-1/2" long) holly leaves with berries

Materials Needed:

Sea shell (approximately 2-1/2" across the widest part)
Soap and water
Old toothbrush
Enamel or acrylic paint
1/2" wide shader paintbrush
Glitter (optional)
Aleene's Right-On™ finishes - your choice of matte, satin or gloss
Scissors
9"-11" strip paper twist - the length will depend on the size of the shell (your choice of colors)
Chenille stem (your choice of color) to shape wings
Aleene's Thick Designer Tacky Glue™
25mm wood bead with hole
5" (thin) ribbon or gold cord for hanger
8" (1/8" to 1/4" wide) ribbon or flat trim for bow

Sea Shell Angels

You can create these wonderful angel ornaments from seashells you find on your vacation!

Designs and Instructions by Donna Corkern

1 If shell appears dirty, clean with soap and water and scrub with an old toothbrush. Allow to dry.

2 Paint shell and allow to dry. A second coat may be necessary for good coverage. For a sparkling effect, sprinkle glitter over the wet paint. NOTE: If you prefer a natural look, brush Right-On over unpainted shell; allow to dry.

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Renuzit® Christmas Tree

Add a festive scentsational touch to your home!

Design and Instructions by
Jeanette Goble

1 Cut ball in half. Glue flat side of 1/2 ball to top of air freshener.

2 Beginning at top of air freshener, wrap and glue garland in place. Glue garland every inch or two, until air freshener is covered. NOTE: Do not cover base of air freshener so it may be activated.

3 Glue embellishments to tree as desired.

Materials Needed:

Sharp knife

1-1/4" diameter foam ball

Aleene's Thick Designer

Tacky Glue™

Renuzit® Air Freshener

(Fresh Forest)

1"-wide green tinsel garland

Assorted embellishments

(pearls by the yard, beads,

angel for top, plastic or silk

flowers)

Fabric Twist Christmas Tree

Design and Instructions by
Constance Hall

1 Unroll fabric twist and cut pieces 1-1/4" to 1-1/2" in length.

2 Apply glue to top edge of fabric twist and starting at the bottom of the cone, apply pieces to cone, overlapping the edges. Continue gluing fabric twist around the cone until the first row is complete. Move up the cone about 1-1/2" and glue on the next row. Make sure the second row covers the top of the first row. Continue gluing fabric twist up the cone until you reach the top (the number of fabric twist rows will depend on the size of the cone).

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Create an elegant Christmas tree to accent your home this holiday season.

Materials Needed:

One package white satin fabric twist

Scissors

9-1/2" (4" diameter base) foam cone (larger or smaller cones can also be used)

Aleene's Thick Designer

Tacky Glue™

Gold glitter paint • Clear glitter

2-3 picks matte gold balls (1/2" wide)

1 pick gold leaves

1 pick green leaves



Don't limit
these ornaments
to Christmas-
use recycled
greeting cards
from all occasions!



Greeting Card Ornaments

Design and Instructions by
Linda Gillentine

Materials Needed:

Scissors or craft knife
Recycled greeting cards
Photo
Aleene's Tacky Glue™
Thread for hanger

1 Cut desired shape from greeting card. Cut opening for photo.

2 Cut photos to fit behind the opening and trim excess that shows beyond the outer edges.

Glue photo to back of ornament.

3 Loop thread and glue on back.
NOTE: Linda also places the ornaments in a photo album for a special touch. The ornaments can also be used as gift tags. Glue a magnet to the back and you have a terrific way to display pictures on your refrigerator.

Materials Needed:

White child's sweatshirt
2 Christmas print fabrics
large enough for 2 child's
hands and one foot
Pencil
Aleene's Fusible Web™
Iron • Scissors • Shirtboard
Brown dimensional
fabric paint
Aleene's Jewel-It™ Fabric Glue
2 (1" wide) wiggle eyes
1 (1-3/4" wide) red pom pom

Rudolph Shirt

What a wonderful child's shirt - made from their
own hand and foot prints!

Design and Instructions by
Florence Niven

1 Wash and dry shirt and fabrics following manufacturer's laundering instructions. Do not use fabric softener in the washer or dryer.

2 Trace child's foot and hand prints onto paper side of fusible web.

3 Iron fusible web to fabric following instructions on page 52. Cut out hand and foot prints. Remove paper backing from fusible web.

4 Arrange hand and foot prints on shirt and fuse to shirt following instructions on page 52.

5 Place shirt on shirtboard. Apply paint around edges of hands and foot; allow to dry completely.

6 To glue on wiggle eyes, place a small "glob" of glue on T-shirt (see photo for placement), lay the eye into the glue allowing the glue to come up around the eye. You need the extra amount of glue to "ooze" around the eye, coming up and around acting as a holder. Glue on pom pom nose.

7 To care for your garment, do not wash for at least a week. Treat as a fine washable. Turn inside out and, for best results, hand wash and hang to dry.





Egg Carton Bells

Design and Instructions by
Enid Rebenar

- 1** Make slits between the sections of the egg carton. Tear sections apart leaving a ruffled edge.
- 2** Paint egg carton bells using Gesso or acrylic paint and allow to dry. Apply a second coat and dry overnight.
- 3** Brush a coat of Right-On over bells and while wet, dust with glitter. Allow to dry thoroughly.
- 4** Cut a 1/4" slit in top of bell. Fold a 12" piece of ribbon in half and place ends through slit.

Pull ribbon through hole, with ends extending 1" beyond the edge of the bell. Tie jingle bells to ends of ribbon. The ribbon loop at the top of the bell forms one loop of hanger. To secure ribbon, apply glue around ribbon at top of bell.

For second loop of hanger, form a loop from a 4" length of ribbon and glue to top of bell, see photo.

- 5** Make a double bow with streamers using a 20" length of ribbon. Glue to top of bell. Glue leaves and silk flowers to top of bell.

Recycle your egg cartons into beautiful Christmas decorations!

Materials Needed:

Craft knife • Scissors
Egg carton (extra large or jumbo size)
Gesso® or white acrylic paint
1/2" wide shader paintbrush
Aleene's Right-On™ matte finish
Crystal glitter
1 yard (1/4" wide) red satin ribbon
2 (1/2" wide) red jingle bells
Aleene's Thick Designer Tacky Glue™
Silk flowers with leaves

Folk Art Bird

Add folk art charm to your Christmas tree or create some for your upcoming bazaar!

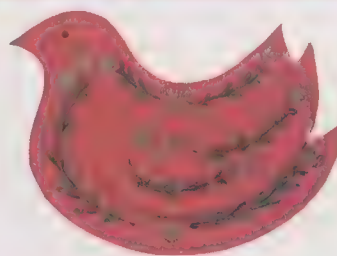
Design and Instructions by
Helen Kassian

- 1** Trace patterns onto cardboard. NOTE: For each bird, trace two bodies and four wings. Cut out cardboard pieces.
- 2** Trace cardboard pieces onto wrong side of fabric. Add 1/4" all the way around the edges of the pattern and cut.
- 3** Cover cardboard pieces with fabric, wrapping excess fabric to back and glue. It may be necessary to cut small slits in the fabric to lay flat. Cover other body piece and wings using the

same procedure. NOTE: Cover two wings on one side of cardboard and cover other two wings on the opposite side.

- 4** Decorate bodies and two outside wings using glitter and fabric paint, as desired. Allow paint to dry.

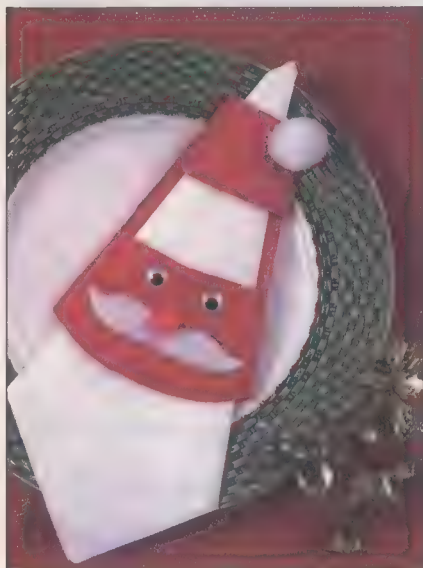
- 5** For hanger, form a loop from the gold thread and glue to inside of one body piece. Glue bodies together with gold thread in between. Glue a decorated and a plain wing together, then onto the body of the bird. Repeat procedure for second wing. Allow glue to dry before hanging.



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Materials Needed:

Pencil • Scissors
Light weight cardboard
Fabric - your choice
Aleene's Thick Designer Tacky Glue™
Glitter and fabric paint
Small paintbrush
8" gold thread



Let the kids join in the fun to create these cute napkin holders!



Materials Needed:

6 ounce tuna and 16 ounce vegetable can
Aleene's Thick Designer Tacky Glue™
Fabric to cover cans (for a touch of color underneath lace)
Batting
5 yards (1" wide) gathered lace
1/3 yard large pearls by the yard
1/3 yard small gold pearls by the yard
Gold glitter paint
Toothbrush
1/3 yard (1" wide) felt ribbon for bow
Christmas picks
2-1/2 yards (1/16" wide) red satin ribbon

Santa Napkin Holder

Design and Instructions by Janice Kraich

1 Trace A, B, and C patterns onto red felt. Trace D pattern onto white felt. Cut out felt pieces.

2 Apply a thin line of glue along the sides of B and lay on A at the top, see photo or pattern for placement.

3 Place a thin line of glue along the straight sides of C, lay on the bottom edge of A, leaving a space between B and C, see photo or pattern for placement.

4 For mustache, apply a line of glue around entire edge of D. Lay on C, close to the bottom

edge. Glue red pom pom nose at the top tip of D. Glue wiggle eyes above the nose. Finish by gluing white pom pom on top side of B.

P Pattern - page 52

Materials Needed:

Pencil • Scissors
Red (9-1/2" x 8-1/2") and white (2" x 5") felt
Aleene's Thick Designer Tacky Glue™
1 (1/4" wide) red or white pom pom for nose
2 (12mm) wiggle eyes
1 (1" wide) white pom pom

Christmas Boot

Recycle two cans into this cute Christmas Boot!

Design and Instructions by Linda Grana

1 Wash and dry cans.

2 Glue fabric around outside of each can, on bottoms and fold and glue two inches to inside of large can.

3 Glue cans together with bottom rims even; allow to dry.

4 Stuff small can to rim with batting. Stuff large can up to the inside fabric line.

5 Glue first row of lace completely around both cans, 1" up from bottom edge. Cut lace and glue ends evenly together. Continue overlapping lace rows to height of small can, pressing in where cans join, to shape boot.

6 With small can facing you, overlap and glue 6" strips of lace across the top of the small can. Start at tip of boot to front of large can.

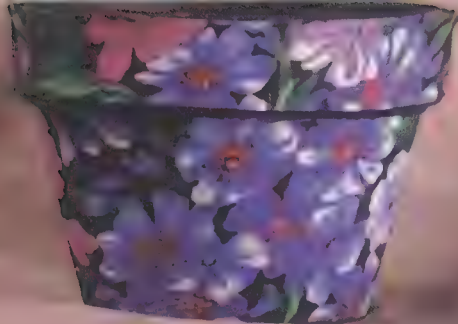
7 Glue lace around large can to top rim. Glue one strip of lace around top in opposite direction (standing-up). Fill in areas with small strips of lace as needed, shaping boot.

8 Glue pearls to rim of large can. Glue string of gold beads under pearls.

9 Mix a small amount of water and gold glitter paint (equal parts) into container. Shake or mix thoroughly. Dip toothbrush in mixture and flick bristles to add glitter all around boot. Allow to dry.

10 Tie bow with felt ribbon and glue to center front. Glue Christmas pick to front of boot. Fill boot with Christmas picks.

11 Tie bows with red ribbon and randomly glue to boot.



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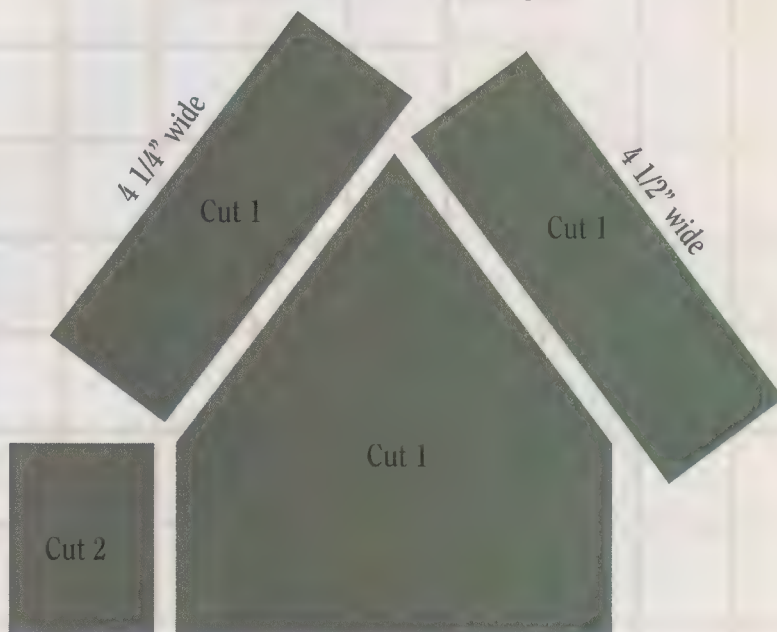
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Patterns

Lay fabric with design onto ironing surface, wrong side up. (We suggest using a hard surface such as a masonite or wood cutting board. We have found that ironing on a hard surface allows firmer bonding). Lay a piece of fusible web on top of the fabric with the glue web (rough side) against the fabric. With a hot iron, iron by setting and lifting the iron. Iron only for a few seconds. You only want to transfer the web of glue to the fabric, not melt it. Over ironing at this point tends to make it hard to remove the paper backing. To make cutting the appliques easier, leave the paper backing on the fabric. Carefully cut out desired design.

To apply fabric appliques to garment, carefully peel the paper backing from the fabric and arrange on garment. Use a hot iron to iron on the appliques, holding the iron on each area of the applique for approximately 5 seconds. Do not over iron. If you hold the iron on the applique too long, the glue will tend to migrate to the iron. This results in too much glue on the applique and not enough glue on the garment, which will allow the applique to loosen from the garment when washed.

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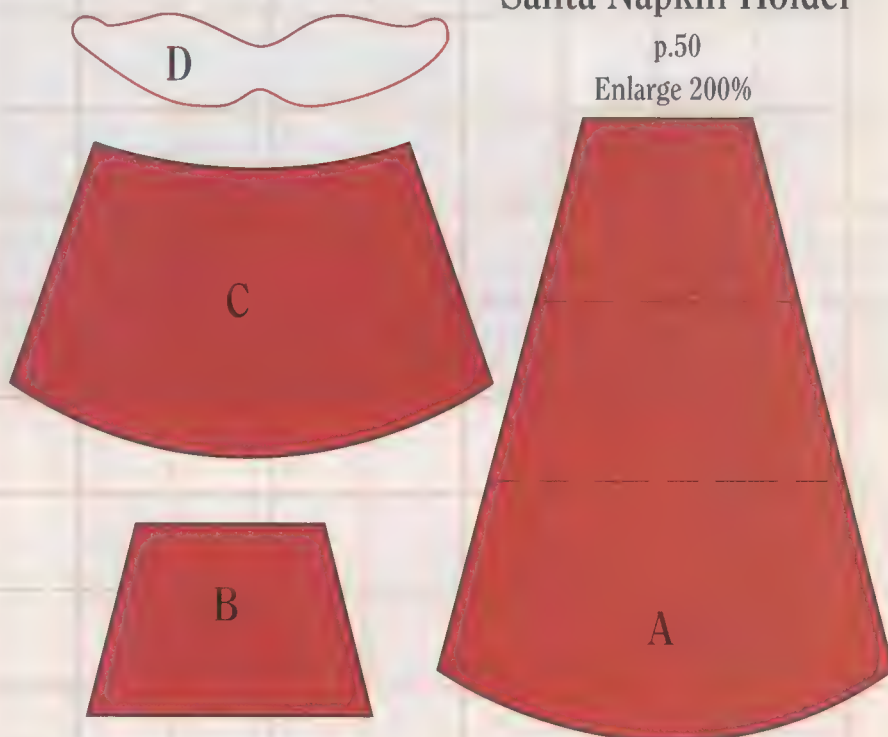


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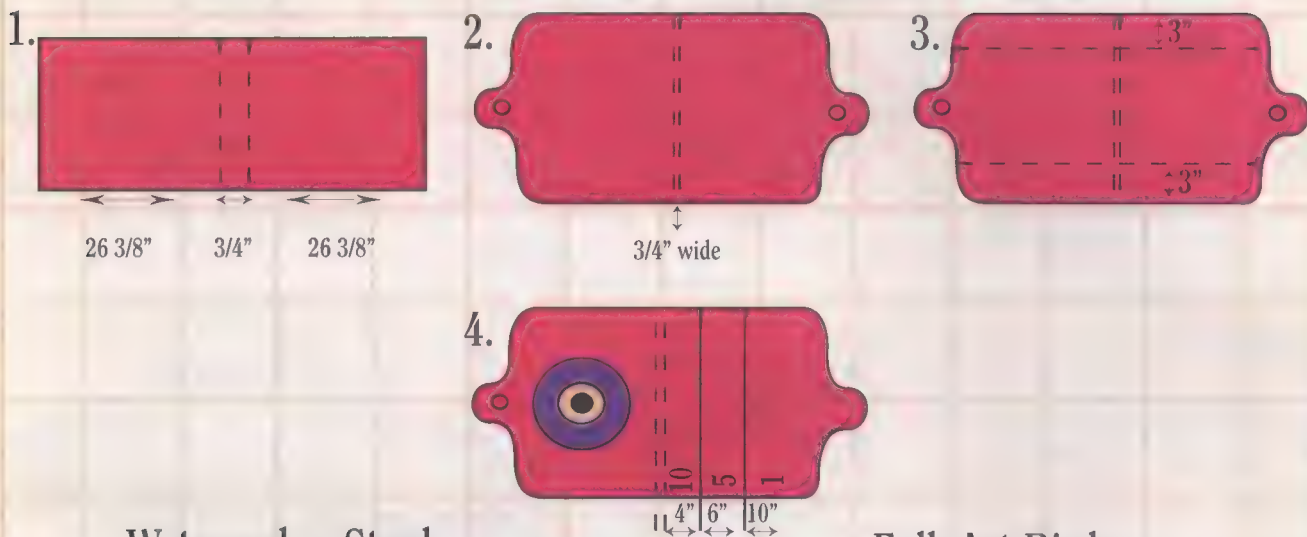
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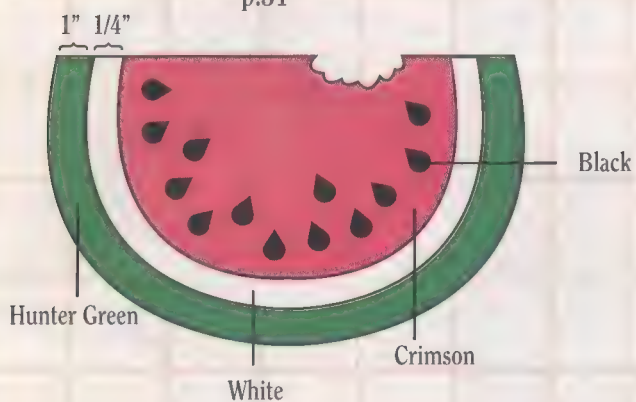
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Patterns

Maxwell Super Bow

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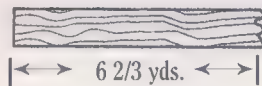


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Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5

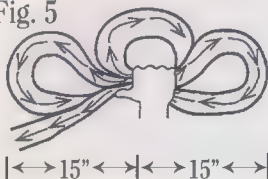


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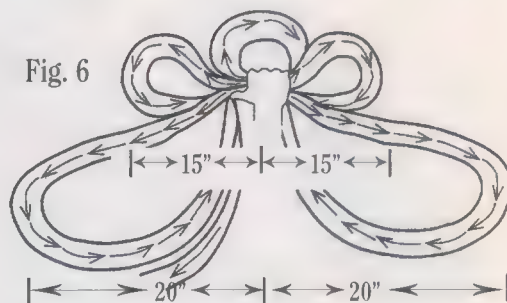


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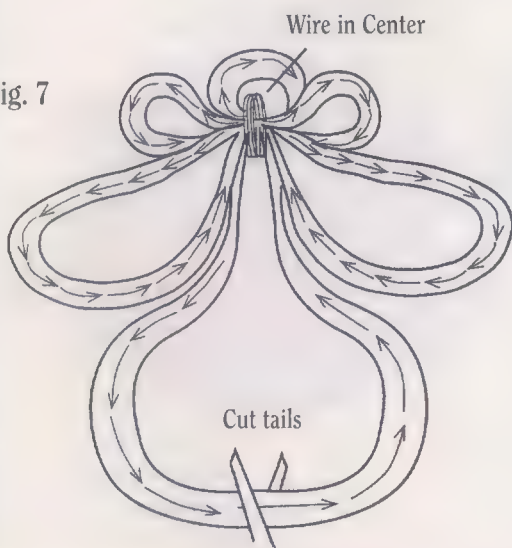
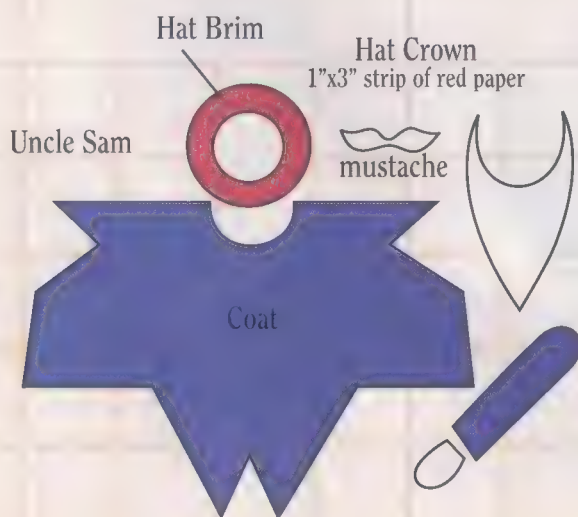
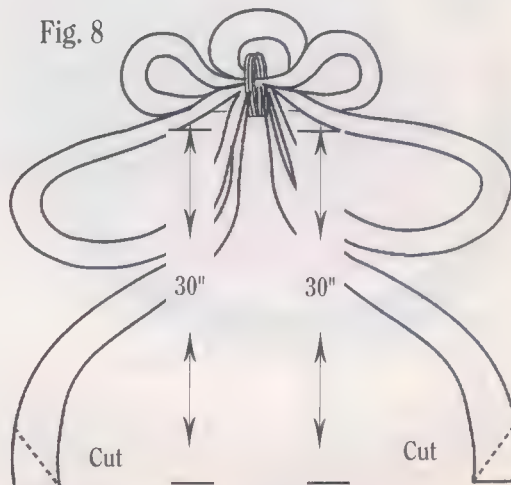


Fig. 8



Tic Tac Ho • Ho • Ho

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Bouncing Angel

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wire separately around top of cone in the same manner as for body. Remove wire from cone and attach to body by bending small end of arm wires over the second coil from top of body.

3. For head, insert neck of glass ball into the top coil and glue in place using Thick glue.

4. For wings, cut a 10" length from wire and form into a figure 8. Glue wings on back of angel, at base of the neck using Thick glue. For halo, cut a 2-1/4" length from wire and form into a circle. Glue halo to top of head. Glue ribbon roses to neck.

5. Glue angel to wood circle using Thick glue. When glue is dry, coat the wood base with Tacky glue using finger or paintbrush and sprinkle with gold glitter. Allow to dry completely. Set the glitter by spraying with lacquer. Glue holly leaves and berries to side of base. ■

Sea Shell Angels

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3. For wings, untwist the paper twist and fold both ends into the center. Pinch together at the middle and secure with a short length of chenille stem.

4. Glue the wood bead to the seashell "dress". Attach wings in the back at the space between the bead head and the seashell "dress". 5. For halo, bend a 3" piece of chenille stem into a circle and glue to back of head. For hanger, tie the thin ribbon or gold cord ends together and glue into hole at top of bead. Tie a bow with ribbon or flat trim and glue to neck of angel. ■

Fabric Twist Christmas Tree

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3. Cut the bottom of each piece of fabric twist in an undulating fashion so that the rows will not be completely straight across and will more closely resemble the uneven nature of the branches of a real tree.

4. Apply paint around the bottom of each row of fabric twist as an accent. While paint is still wet, sprinkle on glitter, to resemble a gold garland wrapped around the tree.

5. For gold ornaments, cut apart gold ball picks, leaving a little stem on each ball. Apply glue on stem and bottom of ball. Push stem through the fabric twist into the foam.

6. On top of tree, glue one gold leaf down the side of the tree to create a cap. Glue a gold and a green leaf on the top, pointing upward. Glue a small gold ball in the middle of leaves. ■

Exquisite Eggs

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All of Lane's eggs are blown with one small hole in the fat end--keeping the hole as small as possible so you won't have trouble hiding it. And she strengthens pre-cut ones with glue to make these delicate shells more resilient.

So far, Lane's main advertising tool has been word of mouth. She often gets calls and notes from people thrilled with the quality and the cleanliness of the eggs.

Lane even takes her eggs on the road--scrambling around to egg shows (people travel from all over the world to attend these) selling ones she's decorated as well as pre-cut and cut by number types. Lane said that she especially likes the face to face contact with her customers who are equally excited to show her their finished designs.

An eggshell canvas can definitely come alive with colorful acrylic paints, marbled paper for a porcelainized look, or accented with anything small enough to fit inside the door that Lane creates with her air tool. These incredible designs are not just for Easter, they make wonderful Christmas, Hannukah, and all-occasion ornaments.

The tradition of egg decorating dates back at least to the time of the famous and now priceless Faberge eggs (made by jeweler and goldsmith Carl Faberge for Russian czars). Virtually every culture throughout history has transformed the egg into a piece of personal art and now it's easy to carry on this imperial tradition with Lane's eggs and your own creative flair. ■



Beverly Crafts Christmas Wall Hanging

Design and Instructions by Janice Slaughter

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Materials Needed:

Pencil or pen to trace patterns
1 package (non slip) template sheets

Scissors

2/3 yard white on white background fabric

1/4 yard off-white on off-white floral fabric for fans

Iron

1-2/3 yards Aleene's Fusible Web™

Straight pins

1/8 yard red/gold floral fabric for flowers

1/8 yard gold lame fabric for flower centers

1/8 yard solid dark green fabric for stems

1/8 yard medium green on green fabric for leaves

1/2 yard red on red floral fabric border and flower center

1/8 yard solid red for borders and center flower

Rotary cutter

Aleene's No-Sew Applique Glue™

1 bottle gold and platinum glittering paint writer

14 (1/4" wide) wood dowel

2 (1" wide) wood balls with hole

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Transfer pattern pieces onto template sheets. Cut out and transfer markings. For background, cut 24" square from lightest fabric.

Using template A, cut four fans from off white on off white fabric. Iron fusible web onto the four fans following instructions on page 53. On 24" square, pin to mark a 4" border on all 4 sides, leaving a 16" central square.

Use template C and B to position fan segments in place; pin. Iron fusible web to each fabric listed below following instructions on page 52. Cut out the following appliques from fused fabric:

1 large center red/gold flower using template D

8 red/gold flowers (E)

1 medium red on red flower center (E)

8 medium green on green leaves (F)

8 gold lame flower centers (G)

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offers

Get Acquainted Kit

For easy crafting we have assembled these selected kits! Many of these kits have all the materials you will need to complete the project!

a. Maxwell Super Witch

You'll be ready to ward off those little ghosts and goblins in plenty of time with this Maxwell Super Witch. Formed on a tomato cage frame that you provide, this Super Witch stands approximately 4 feet tall. Kit includes black and green Super Paper, Purple doll hair, metallic twist, foam eggs and ball, stem and floral wire, florist tape, Aleene's Tacky Glue and instructions.

#71294B \$32.95 plus \$5.00 p/h



b. Aleene's Reverse Collage Sunflowers

Transform your own glass or plasticware into exquisite decorator pieces with silk flowers, tissue paper and Aleene's Reverse Collage Glue. Kit includes Aleene's Reverse Collage Instruction Book, green tissue paper, 4 large sunflowers, 1 sunflower bush and two bottles of Aleene's Reverse Collage Glue. Enough supplies to create a multitude of projects.

#72294B \$19.95 plus \$4.00 p/h



c. Aleene's Reverse Collage Cosmos

Transform your own glass or plasticware into exquisite decorator pieces with silk flowers, tissue paper and Aleene's Reverse Collage Glue. Kit includes Aleene's Reverse Collage Instruction Book, mint green tissue paper, lavender, yellow and fuchsia cosmos flowers and two bottles of Aleene's Reverse Collage Glue.

#72694 \$15.99 plus \$4.00 p/h

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d. Lane's Gift Wrap Eggs

This incredible marbelized look is created by gluing gift wrap paper onto an egg and then coating with layers of sealer. What could be easier! Offer includes 2 duck eggs, 2 gift wrap papers, wooden skewer, instructions, Aleene's Jewel-It Glue, Aleene's Right-On Finish and Aleene's Porcelain-Ize-It.

#72294A \$19.95 plus \$4.50 p/h

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e. Sulfiati's Spray Dye Checkerboard

Here's a new look to traditional tie dye. This technique is so simple, even the kids can create these designer looks. Kit includes Sulfiati's Spray Dye kit with three colorfast procion dyes, design book and checkerboard stencil.

#71294A \$28.00 plus \$5.00 p/h

f. Maxwell Macrame Chair

A simple crochet hook process anchors macrame cord to the chair and a simple weaving process creates the reindeer design. Each kit includes ready-to-assemble unfinished wood frame, two colors of Maxwell maxi cord, two crochet books and the Unique Chair Designs pattern and instruction leaflet. Chair frame shipped separately.

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g. Aleene's Celestial Reverse Collage

You'll be in creativity heaven with this new idea from Aleene's. The secret to this stunning look is that you work from the inside of vases or back side of flat ware. You provide the glass or plasticware and kit includes two bottles of Aleene's Reverse Collage glue, Celestial Gift Wrap paper, antique gold tissue paper, metallic gold thread and Aleene's New Reverse Collage Book.

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h. Activa Flower Drying Kit

You only need a few minutes to perform a little microwave magic to preserve your favorite flowers. Each kit includes Activa's reusable Flower Drying medium, microwave container, set of three round mache boxes and Aleene's Thick Designer Tacky Glue.

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b. LePouf Giftwrap

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c. Maxwell Paper Assortment

Here's a unique twist on ordinary gift wrapping supplies. Kit includes red, green, white, natural, evergreen and cranberry paper twist, ivory & red two-tone paper lace, ivory & green two-tone paper lace and Maxwell's Christmas Twist book which is filled with fun Holiday decorating and wrapping ideas.

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d. Syndee's Vinyl Santas

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unfinished santa

**e. Aleene's Bead-It
Advanced Techniques**

Create out-of-this-world designer bracelets, pins, chokers and more with this new kit which includes the brand new Aleene's Bead-It Advanced techniques book featuring Tiffany's hat rosette and Julianna Hudgins stunning chokers and awesome necklaces. Also included is the Aleene's Bead-It loom. We call these techniques advanced but they're so easy -



even the beginning jewelry crafter can master projects such as these in no time at all. Beginning kit and video also available.

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f. Le Pouf Trim-A-Tree

Everyone will say WOW when they see your halls decked out with Holiday poofs created on your Le Pouf Machine. Kit includes the fabulous Le Pouf machine and Trim-A-Tree assortment including Le Pouf circles in wonderful Christmas holiday colors.

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g. Wel-Bran

Rosebud Wreath

Wel-Bran's floral fields are in full bloom and just in time to bring you this charming Rosebud Wreath. All base wreath materials grown right here in Buellton, California. To add a holiday touch to this wreath, Wel-Bran is also including 10 dried red rosebuds.

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**h. Maxwell Metallic
Assortment**

Here's a brilliant twist on ordinary gift wrapping supplies. Each kit includes red, green, silver, opal, and blue metallic twist, embossed gold and silver ribbon and Maxwell's Christmas Sparkle Book which is filled with dazzling Holiday decorating and wrapping ideas.

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i. Maxwell's Metallic Angel

This angel captures the essence of heavenly delight while adding a shimmering touch to your holiday decor. Kit includes Maxwell paper and metallic twist, tiny curl hair, foam ball, egg and cone, wire, chenille stems, floral tape, Aleene's Tacky Glue and instructions.

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Beverly Crafts

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NOTE: Lower iron setting to fuse lame.

1 red solid flower center (G)
8 dark green stems (H)

Peel paper backing from fusible web. Position large flower (D) in center of square. Position flowers (E) on top of each fan. Position stems (H) under flowers E and D. Iron in place following instructions on page 52. Position leaves on stems; fuse in place. Position flower pieces E and G on large center flower; fuse. Fuse small dot of lame to center of this large flower.

NOTE: Create all borders from top, bottom, left, right.

Iron solid red fabric to fusible web. Using rotary cutter, cut into four 1-1/2" x 18" strips. Position as first border right next to pins you originally placed 4" from edge (pinning just outside border pins). Peel off fusible web paper backing. Iron in place; remove pins.

Glue medium green fabric on green floral fabric. Leaving 1" red fabric showing, iron in place, overlapping 1/2" of red border. Fuse medium red on red floral. Rotary cut into four 24" x 3-1/2" strips. Position this last border leaving only 1/4" of green on green floral border showing. It will be easier to fuse front into place, then fold back over edge and fuse to finish edge.

If desired, outline fan with fabric paint to distinguish fan segments. For dowel casing (to make into wall hanging) cut one 22" x 4" strip out of lightest backing material. Press in half lengthwise. Use glue to seal cut edges of lengthwise strip. Glue casing to wrong side of wall hanging. (Position casing over border so that it won't show through on front side.) Allow to dry. Insert dowel into casing. Push wood balls onto ends of dowel and hang! Merry Christmas!!! ■

Tic-Tac-Ho • Ho • Ho

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white cuffs to cover edges, see photo. Glue on belt. Glue white felt trim below belt. Cut buckle from gold paper and glue to center of belt. Paint eyes by dipping non-bristle end of paintbrush into black paint and dotting onto face area. ■

Uncle Sam (Tic-Tac-Ho • Ho • Ho)

Materials Needed:

4" wood bowling pin
Acrylic paint (red, black and flesh)
1/2" wide shader paintbrush
Scissors
White typing paper
Aleene's Thick Designer Tacky Glue™
Felt (white and blue)
Flag sticker (1-1/4" x 1")
Toothpick
3 white seed beads
Construction paper (red, white and blue)

Follow painting instructions for Santa. For stripes on body, cut white paper into seven 1/8" x 2" strips. Glue stripes vertically onto body, approx. 1/8" apart.

Cut beard, mustache and hands from white felt. Cut coat and sleeves from blue felt.

Glue beard and mustache to body. Glue jacket around bowling pin, back first, then glue to front. Fold collar down and glue. Glue sleeves to body, leaving bottom edge (hand area) unglued.

Unpeel sticker slightly along the "pole" end. Place toothpick between sticker and paper backing and reseal. **NOTE:** You may need to place a small amount of glue to reseal. Glue hands slightly under the bottom edge of sleeve. Glue flag under one of the hands. Glue seed beads down front of jacket.

For hat, cut one strip of red paper 1" x 3". Cut brim from red paper. **NOTE:** Cut out center of hat brim so it will sit down on the bowling pin. For stripes, cut six white strips 1/8" x 1". Cut blue strip 1/8" x 2". Glue strip of red paper together, slightly overlapping the ends. Glue white strips vertically on hat, spacing 1/8" apart. Glue blue band around base of crown. Glue stars evenly on blue strip.

Paint eyes following instructions for Santa. ■

Game Board (Tic-Tac-Ho • Ho • Ho)

Materials Needed:

Wood plaque (6-1/2" x 8-1/2") with notches at the corners (see photo).
Acrylic paint (white and red)
Sponge and 1/2" wide shader paintbrushes
Red construction paper

Paint edge of plaque with red

paint. Paint front of plaque with white paint; allow to dry.

Cut red paper into 1/8" wide strips. Glue paper strips to plaque, forming boxes. ■

JoAnn Fabrics and Crafts/Kunin Felt Christmas Cottage Wreath

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Materials Needed (cont'd):

1 yard 4" length (1-1/2" wide) red velour wired ribbon
4" length white chenille stem
3" length (1/4" wide) Wrights® white satin ribbon

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Use rotary cutter and mat to cut five 36" x 1-1/2" strips from white felt. Wrap ring with felt strips beginning and gluing at back, slightly overlapping felt as you wrap to completely cover ring. As you finish one strip, start another on the back.

Use rotary cutter and mat to cut thirty 36" x 3/4" white felt strips. Make loops sing strips, by gluing one end of strip at any place on front of ring. Place index finger next to glued area and loosely lay strip over finger. Glue strip to ring on other side of finger to create "loop" in the strip. Continue along the strip, making loops. As one strip is finished, start another. (Hint: The closer together the glued areas are, the "fluffier" the loops will look.) Continue until entire ring front and edges are covered with loops, leaving back of ring uncovered.

Cut cottage pieces from foam board, using craft knife, according to patterns. To assemble, glue one 2" edge of side wall to back of 2" wall of cottage front. Repeat on other side with other side wall. Glue 4-1/4" length roof piece to top of roof on cottage, aligning front and back edges with cottage front and back of wall. Glue 4-1/2" length roof piece to other side of roof, covering top edge of first roof piece at the peak.

Cut cottage front from pink felt according to pattern, and two 1-1/2" x 2" rectangles to cover side walls and edges. Glue to corresponding pieces on cottage. For roof, cut from green felt 1-3/4" x 9" strip. Glue end of strip to edge of roof, extend up across top and glue down other side of roof. Glue felt edges to front edge of roof, folding and gluing at corners as you would for wrapping a gift.

To decorate cottage, glue on assorted candies. (Suggestions: slightly overlap rows of mini-sandwich cookie wafers for roof, candy canes or wrapped bubble gum sticks for roof line, hard candy mints for windows, jelly beans for door, candy coated chocolate balls for the door knob and chimney.) Use tweezers to handle small candies for gluing.

For chimney, cut one 1" x 1-1/2" piece from foam board. Position bottom edge behind roof line and lightly mark with pencil the diagonal roof line. Glue on candies to cover chimney above pencil mark. Glue chimney to back of roof.

For snow, stir together snow paint and small amount of water to "right" consistency" for gently drooping snow. Apply to top of roof and top of chimney, allowing snow to gently drip down sides slightly; let dry.

For Christmas trees, cut 1-3/4" wide green felt strips in the following lengths: 9", 8", 7" and 2". Cut 1-1/4" length slits, 3/8" apart, along one edge of a 9" length green felt. Diagonally cut end of each slit. Using double-threaded needle, baste along uncut edge of 9" length. Pull thread to gather into a tight circle and knot. Gently fluff slits. Repeat procedure with 8" and 7" lengths. Stack and glue felt with 9" on bottom, 8" in middle and 7" on top. Cut 2" length into separate 3/8" wide strips. Diagonally cut ends and glue strips to form top peak of tree. Decorate by gluing on round candies.

For wreath snow, glue batting to inside bottom of wreath. Nestle cottage down into batting and glue. Glue trees in front of cottage. Decorate with mini-candy canes and gum drops in snow.

For bow, cut a 4" length from one end of wired ribbon and set aside for binder. Bend remaining length to form bow with 3-1/2" loops. Bind center of bow with chenille stem, twisting together ends at back. Fold under twisted ends. Fold in half lengthwise, and glue the 4" length ribbon. Wrap length around middle of bow, covering binder. Overlap ends and glue at back, trimming excess if necessary. Cut V-notch into bow tails. Glue to bottom of wreath.

For hanger loop, glue together ends of satin ribbon. Glue ends to back top of wreath. Stick candy canes randomly through loops. ■

Michaels Decorative Bottles

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Button Bottle

Materials Needed:

Decorative bottle

Various size and shape buttons

Aleene's Thick Designer

Tacky Glue™

Small quilted yo-yo's

Raffia

Fill bottle with buttons. Glue yo-yo's around top of bottle and add a raffia bow. Accent around bow with buttons. ■

Day by the Sea Bottle

Materials Needed:

Decorative bottle

Scenic sand

Craft shells

Aleene's Thick Designer Tacky Glue™

1/2 yard (1/2" wide) ribbon

1/2 yard white rattail

Dried caspia

Rattail

Fill bottle partially with sand and shells. Glue ribbon around bottle and attach bow. Glue on shells, dried caspia, and rattail cord tied into bow. ■

A Bountiful Harvest

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Aleene's Dried Flowers

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holders. Use caution when handling container - the container and the silica gel will be very hot and may cause a burn. Set container on a heat-resistant surface and do not disturb the silica gel in container until silica gel is completely cool. Flowers removed from silica gel before it is cool may still be damp and limp. Flowers continue to dry as silica gel cools. If flowers have not dried completely, re-cover the flowers carefully with silica gel and place in microwave oven again for 1 to 2 more minutes. Allow silica gel to cool again before removing the flowers.

Gently pour off silica gel to expose flowers. Store flowers in airtight containers. Glue flowers to base as desired. ■

Maxwell Door Bow

Design and Instructions by Maxwell's

(see photo on page 15)

Materials Needed:

10 yards Natural Color

Maxwell's Twisted Craft Paper

Small amount eucalyptus stems

2 long Christmas berry stems

4 small Christmas berry stems

Small amount baby's breath

Glue (hot glue recommended)

Floral wire

Untwist craft paper. Make a large (approx. 18" wide) "multi-loop" bow with four long (approx. 24" to 30") streamers. Glue eucalyptus, berry stems and baby's breath at center of bow. Attach wire to the back of bow for hanging. ■

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JoAnn Fabrics & Crafts
K-Mart
Northwest Fabrics & Crafts

TENNESSEE

Ben Franklin
F.W. Woolworth
Frank's Nursery & Crafts
Hancock Fabrics
Hobby Lobby
House of Fabrics
K-Mart
Michaels Stores
Old America Stores/Pottery
Piece Goods
Ribbon Outlet
V & S Variety
Waccamaw Pottery

TEXAS

Ambers
Ben Franklin
Crafts Etc./Winn's
F.W. Woolworth
Garden Ridge Pottery
Hancock Fabrics
Hobby Lobby
House of Fabrics
JoAnn Fabrics & Crafts
K-Mart
Leewards
MJ Designs (Dupey)
Michael's Stores
Northwest Fabrics & Crafts
Old America Stores/Pottery
Ribbon Outlet
So-Fro Fabrics
V & S Variety
Zaks

UTAH

Ben Franklin

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Hancock Fabrics
House of Fabrics
K-Mart
Michael's Stores
Payless Drug
Ribbon Outlet
Sprouse Stores
V & S Variety

VERMONT

Ames/Crafts & More
Ben Franklin
F.W. Woolworth
House of Fabrics
JoAnn Fabrics & Crafts
K-Mart
So-Fro Fabrics
V & S Variety

VIRGINIA

Ames/Crafts & More
Ben Franklin
F.W. Woolworth
Frank's Nursery & Crafts
Hancock Fabrics
House of Fabrics
JoAnn Fabrics & Crafts
K-Mart
Leewards
MJ Designs (Dupey)
Michaels Stores
Old America Stores/Pottery
Piece Goods
Rainbow Bay Crafts
Ribbon Outlet
So-Fro Fabrics
V & S Variety
Waccamaw Pottery

WASHINGTON

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F.W. Woolworth
Fabricland
Hancock Fabrics
House of Fabrics
JoAnn Fabrics & Crafts
K-Mart
Michaels Stores
Northwest Fabrics & Crafts
Old America Stores/Pottery
Payless Drug
Ribbon Outlet
Sprouse Stores
V & S Variety

WEST VIRGINIA

Ames/Crafts & More
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F.W. Woolworth
JoAnn Fabrics & Crafts
K-Mart
Michaels Stores
Piece Goods
Ribbon Outlet
V & S Variety

WISCONSIN

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Hancock Fabrics
House of Fabrics
JoAnn Fabrics & Crafts
K-Mart
Leewards
Northwest Fabrics & Crafts
Old America Stores/Pottery
Ribbon Outlet
So-Fro Fabrics
V & S Variety

WYOMING

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Northwest Fabrics & Crafts
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Payless Drug
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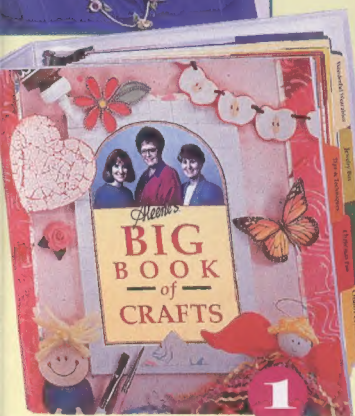
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